

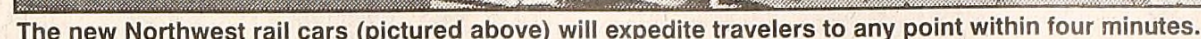
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By GENA GIANNUZZI
MCN Staff Writer

Challenger Alan Lambert said

The winner of the November 6th election will serve a four year term as mayor.



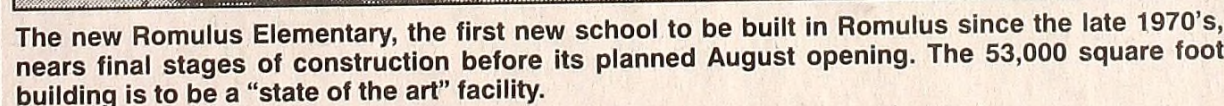
Then as you proceed further north, one sees gates, that stretch in two directions as far as the eye

four minutes maximum.

Chamber President Kathleen Karras expressed happiness that so many chamber members turned-out for the event that also included a lunch.



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At a special meeting of the Romulus City Council on June 26th, Michael Prochaska, Director of Business Development for Wayne County, stated the county was spending up to \$40 million acquir-

In two recent transactions in the area between private develop-

For the most part, negotiations between the county and the two communities have been conducted in secret. In Romulus, no incumbents or challengers for election to the city council and mayor's office have, as yet, taken public positions on the issue.

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FEATURES



Pageant

Lovely gowns, lively conversations, and long-stemmed roses highlighted Saturday night's Miss Westland Pageant. Sarah Graff, right, top right, won. Before the judge's decision, the finalists, big picture at left, waited. From left, Miss Westland Graff, Natalie Pfeiffer, Holly Hofsess, 2nd Runner-Up Kelly Downs, and 1st Runner-Up Markia Leonard with 1999 Miss Westland Kimberly Corney. Westland Councilman Bob Stottlemeyer, center, judges. Natazia Chambers, bottom right, introduces herself to the audience. All five finalists led yesterday's Westland Summer Festival Parade. The Westland Community Foundation presented scholarships to Graff, Downs, and Leonard.



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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF WAYNE

Take a plunge!

Wayne's lifeguards are among nation's best

The City of Wayne's lifeguards are ranked among the nation's best.

After four random 'Operational Safety Audits in 2000', the Ellis and Associates Risk Management Firm, concluded the Wayne Aquatic Center ranked above safety standards during each of the rigorous evaluations.

And, because of its findings, Ellis awarded the Wayne Aquatic Center a Silver National Aquatic

Safety Award.

Kim Fallow, director of Parks and Recreation, attributed the outstanding achievement by the Aquatic Center to her Aquatic Center Supervisor Richard Parker, Assistant Aquatic Supervisor Lindsey Butzin, and the entire lifeguard staff.

"Their hard work and dedication in maintaining a safe water environment for the community to enjoy reflects in this award," Fal-

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"Their hard work and dedication in maintaining a safe water environment for the community to enjoy reflects in this award"
"

low said.

Only 165 of the 462 aquatic facilities evaluated in 2000 earned this prestigious award.

Wayne Aquatic Center lifeguards were evaluated on such

things as their professionalism, accessibility, and rescue readiness. They also were tested on their ability to demonstrate emergency rescues, extrications, and resuscitation efforts.

A portion of the Safety Award is also based on the operation and the administration of the Aquatic Center. This includes areas such as equipment maintenance, staff supervision, and report and record keeping.

People Helping People seeks volunteers

The popular 'People Helping People' program is in need of a few good men and women.

The program assists a senior or handicapped person to fix-up their home.

"We're looking for some volunteers and a commitment from local businesses, service organizations, and community members for material and supplies," said Ed McMurray, chairman of the program. "If you're interested please get a hold of me or Susan

Sweet-McMahan."

McMahan may be reached at 722-2000, extension 215.

The program, in its fourth year, will be conducted this year on Sept. 15.

The goal of People Helping People is to improve the exterior of a home of a Wayne resident. The home is preselected by program officials. Volunteers are being asked to donate one day to help with projects such as painting, planting, and minor house re-

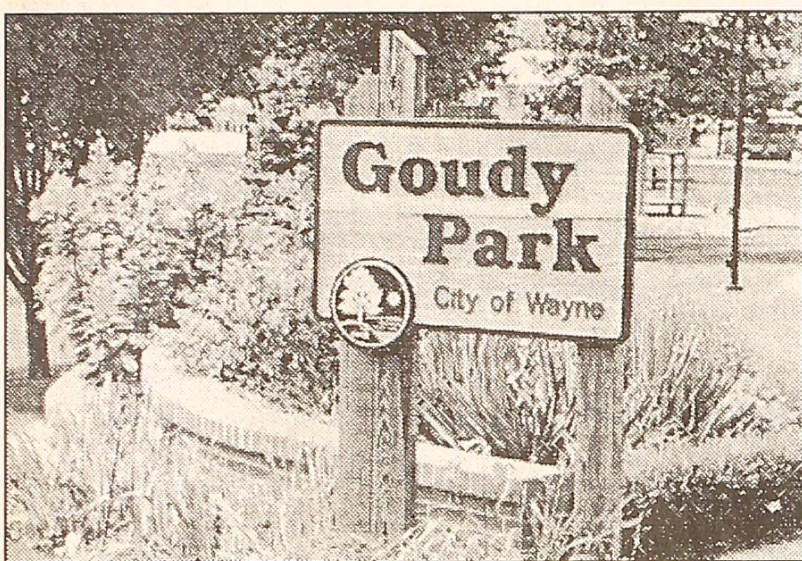
pairs.

All volunteers will be asked to assemble at 8 a.m. at the Senior Activity Center on the corner of Wayne Road and Sims Avenue. They will be treated to a continental breakfast prior to beginning the work at the site.

Also, volunteers will be provided with all of the necessary materials, a t-shirt, paint hats, bottled water and pop. Lunch will be sponsored by the Wayne Beautification Committee and will be

served at the project site.

McMurray has a score of noted Wayne residents working on his committee. The committee consists of Councilwoman Donna McEachern, Kimberly Fallow, Parks and Recreation director; Peter McInerney, Community Development Director; Nancy Noel-Wojewski, Senior Services Supervisor; Susan Sweet-McMahan, Housing Rehabilitation Specialist, and community activist Audrey Tucker.



Dressed in the multicolors of summer, the gardens of Wayne will be on display July 21. The Wayne Garden Club is hosting its annual tour of the gardens, and residents and garden lovers are invited to enjoy the picturesque stroll among the city's many gardens. The tour will begin at Goudy Park (featured in photo above).

A garden walk - Wayne to host tour of summer beauty

Summer is all dressed up in its finest colors.

And members of the Wayne Garden Club want you to enjoy "A Garden Walk" through some of the most colorful gardens the city has to offer. And there are many.

The picturesque season is yours if you just follow the red-brick road to Goudy Park.

"Our tour will begin at Goudy Park, which is located immediately behind City Hall, and we'll take visitors on a walk of splendor," says Judy Howton, a spokesperson for the Wayne Garden Club.

Goudy Park is located at 3355 S.

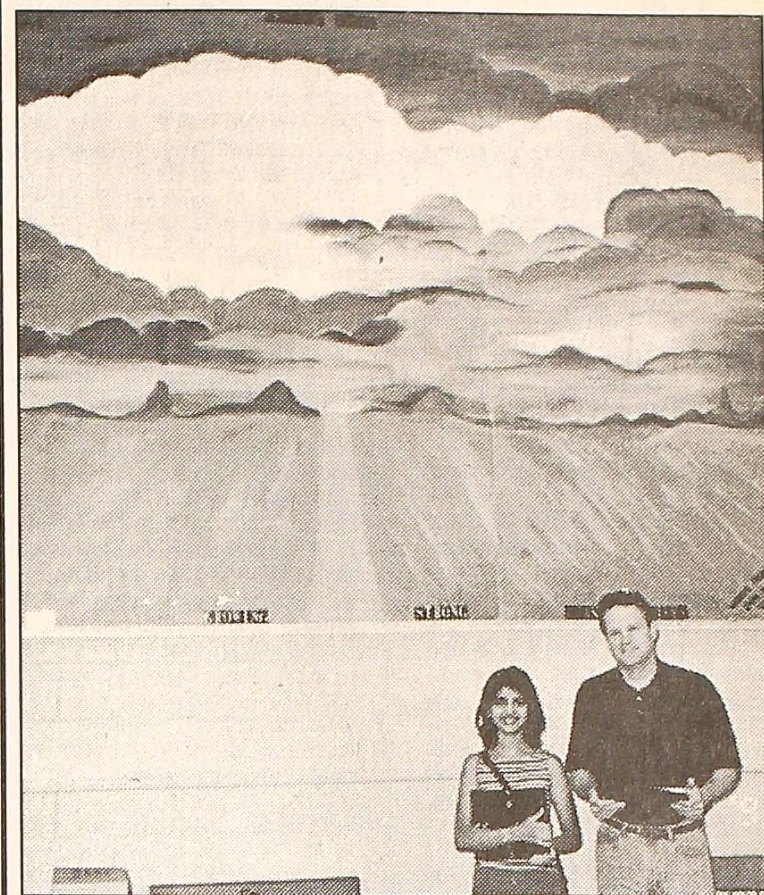
Wayne Road.

The tour is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 21. Tour tickets, at \$5 each, may be purchased at Norman's Meat Market, on Wayne Road; Keller and Steins Florist, on Michigan Avenue, and the Wayne Library, Wayne Road, north of Michigan Avenue.

Tickets also will be available on the day of the Walk.

Garden Club members will have maps available at Goudy Park, or residents may pick them up at the eight tour sites.

Proceeds generated from "A Garden Walk" will be used to pro-



Artist Vaidehi Merchant, with art teacher Steve Paulson. Artist Joya Marsh was not available at the time of the photo.

Artists' mural tribute to people

Two young and talented artists - Vaidehi Merchant and Joya Marsh - collaborated on a mural that paid tribute to those with disabilities and handicaps.

And for their unselfish donation of the mural to the Services To Enhance Potential - Western Wayne organization, Vaidehi and Joya were recently honored.

The two John Glenn students, working under the supervision of their art teacher, Steve Paulson, came up with a mural "that depicts a road running on to the horizon. It honors People with Developmental Disabilities who strive to be accepted as contributing members of our communities, and the STEP pro-

gram assisting them in going in new directions," according to a media advisory from the organization.

Paulson is an instructor with the William D. Ford Career and Technical Center in Westland.

"Stepping Out, Growing Strong, Changing Lives" is the motto of Services to Enhance Potential, an organization dedicated to the advancement of persons with developmental and other disabilities.

The mural is displayed on the workshop wall at Services to Enhance Potential's Western Wayne Facility, a City of Wayne business since 1981.

mote civic beautification, gardening projects and education and conservation programs in the City of Wayne.

The president of the Wayne Garden Club is Beverly Woodard,

and Claudia Redifke serves as co-president. Vice-presidents are Carol Weyand and Diane Malone.

Residents should be aware that the Garden Walk will take place whether it rains or shines.

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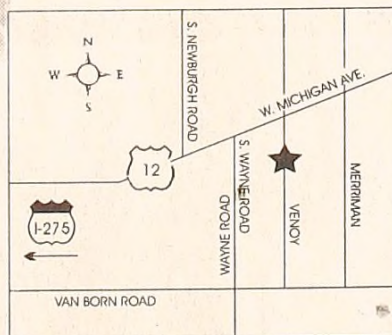
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OBITUARIES

ADAMS, VELMA E., 69 of Monroe, Michigan passed away June 18. Dear wife of the late David Adams. Loving mother of Dr. Kenneth (Cheryl) Adams, David (Patricia) Adams, and Kevin (Don) Adams. Dearest sister of Elizabeth O'Grady and the late Margaret Trappen Kriener. Beloved grandmother of David, Tiffany, Amy, Emily, Katelyn, and Alicia. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Steven Brown officiating. Interment followed at Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit.

BOWMER, CECIL RAYMOND, 64 of Sumpter, passed away June 17. Loving husband of Katie Bowmer. Beloved father of Joann Alexander and Patricia (Tim) Flucht. Loving son of Raymond and Daisy Phillips Bowmer. Dear brother of Helen Bilibrey and the late Harold Bowmer. Dearest grandfather of Jayme Alexander, Kathryn Flucht, and Samantha Flucht. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Robert White officiating. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock.

BRICKS, GEORGETTA, 73 of Belleville, passed away June 17. Dear mother of Linda (Charles) Watson of Belleville; Clifford Garrison of California; Joyce (Thomas) Blevins of Oglethorpe, GA; and Kimberlee (Rod) Moore of Willis, MI. Dear daughter of the late Leon Leezer and Lizzie Mary (Gero) Squiers. Dear sister of Emma Lee Cetnarowski of Ohio and Betty Ann Knudson of Waterford. Beloved grandmother of eleven and great-grandmother of twenty-one. Preceded in death by her husband, Richard; daughter, Suzanne Marie in infancy; two brothers and one sister. She was employed by the Van Buren Public School Transportation Department as a school bus driver for many years until she retired. She is also a former Belleville Lioness. Funeral services were held at Belleville United Presbyterian Church with Rev. Paul E. Malles officiating. Cremation rites have been accorded at Southern Michigan Crematory, Ann Arbor. Arrangements made by David C. Brown Funeral Home. Memorial contributions can be made in her name to the Belleville United Presbyterian Church.

BROOKS, MARGARET, 68 of Detroit (born in Montgomery, AL to Orion and Lucy Hardmon) passed away June 17. She loved to cook, she used to own her own food service trucks, and was part-owner of Helen's Cookies in Detroit. She leaves to cherish her memories children, Huet, Regina, Terry, Ivan, and Owen; eight grandchildren; great-grandchildren; sisters; brothers; family and friends. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Lemay Church of Christ with Rev. Earl Crockett.

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The Charter Township of Van Buren-Downtown Development Authority will be accepting sealed bids for Belleville Road Landscape/ Streetscape Project. Bids must be sealed in an envelope marked "BELLEVILLE ROAD STREETSCAPE" and submitted to the office the Van Buren Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111. Bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. EST, Wednesday, July 25, 2001. Bids will be publicly opened at 4:00 p.m.

Specifications may be obtained from the Van Buren Township Clerk's Office, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 or McKenna Associates, 235 E. Main St., #105, Northville, MI 48167 during normal business hours. Bids will be accepted only on provided bid forms.

The Downtown Development Authority of the Charter Township of Van Buren reserves the right to waive any discrepancies or irregularities in the bid. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and is not required to accept the low bid.

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CHILDS, PAUL RAY, of Inkster (born in Ann Arbor to Calvin G. and Pearl Childs) passed away June 16. He began a broadcasting career at WCHB from there to KVOY/KENO, WNOV, WIGO, and many others. He leaves behind to cherish his life his mother, Pearl; sisters, Carolyn, Dianne, and Gaylene; brothers Donald and Rowan, family and friends. Funeral arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Beulah Baptist Church.

DOWDELL, HELEN, 84 of Plymouth passed away June 16. Dear wife of the late George Dowdell. Loving mother of Sharon (Fred) Arthur and Carol (Bill) Oliphant. Beloved grandmother of five and great-grandmother of ten. Funeral services were held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Wayne with Father Jack Baker. Interment followed at St. Mary's Cemetery, Wayne. Funeral arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home. Memorial contributions can be made in her honor to Angela Hospice.

EDWARDS SR., JACK O., of Inkster (born in Tallahassee, FL to Rev. Gifford and Willie B. Edwards) passed away June 13. He sang with a small group in Florida and recorded three records. He leaves behind to mourn his early passing his wife of 41 years, Betty; children, Jacquelyn, Jack Jr., Evido, Eric, Yvette, Sainrk, Yolunda, Latorro, and Kerry; thirteen grandchildren, stepmother; family and friends. Arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Gethsamane Baptist Church with Rev. Willie David officiating.

FARLEY, PAUL E. (Pat), 59, passed away June 20. Loving husband of Barbara for 31 years. Beloved father of Rebecca. Also survived by brother Michael Farley. Arrangements were made by Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Wayne.

FRANZ, KARL OTTO, 83 of Westland, passed away June 20. Loving husband of Carol Franz. Beloved father of Ronald (Debby) Franz, Sharyn (Jon) Greening, and Kevin (Grace) Franz. Dearest brother of Ernest (Martha) Franz. Loved grandfather of Brandon Franz, Karia Greening, Megan Greening, and Paul Franz. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Fr. Don Hanchon officiating. Interment followed at Souther Michigan Services, Livonia.

GRIGSBY, GLADYS, 70 of Inkster (born in Allentown, PA to Oscar and Roena Johnson) passed away June 4. She received her Associates Degree in Education and loved poetry. She leaves to rejoice her memory her husband, Odell; daughters, Yolanda, Sharlene, and Latisha; son, Kevin and Jonathan; three brothers; one sister; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; family and friends. Arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at

Gethsamane Baptist Church with interment at Knollwood Memorial Park.

JOHNSON, ESSIE B., 81 of Inkster (born in East St. Louis, IL to John C. and Willie C. Creighton) passed away May 29. She was a member of the Sunset Temple #925 of the Elks. She leaves to mourn her loss her brother, Percy; nieces, Ruby and Cecelia; family and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Charlie Knighten officiating.

JONES SR., JOHN L., 46 of Romulus, passed away June 14. Loving Husband of Belinda Jones. Beloved father of John Jones Jr. of Taylor, Christina Jones of Canton, Michelle Jones of Taylor, and Cindy Jones of Romulus. Dearest brother of Charlie Bee of West Virginia, Peggy Ray of Westland, Ginger (Kip) Mullins of West Virginia. Dearest grandmother of Joshua Watts and Cierra Jones. Funeral services were held at Crane Funeral Home with Rev. Bob McDonald officiating. Interment followed at Romulus Cemetery.

KANOUSE SR., JAMES RUSSELL, 77 of Taylor, passed away June 22. Dear husband of the late Patricia Kanouse. Loving father of James Kanouse Jr., Donald K. (Karen) Kanouse, Terry Kanouse, and Sean Kanouse. Dearest brother of Chuck Kanouse. Beloved grandfather of Holly Kanouse, Allyssa Kanouse, Ryan Kanouse, Derek Kanouse, and Kane Kanouse; great-grandfather of Lawrence Schmitz. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Dave Henkel officiating. Interment followed at Souther Michigan Services, Livonia. Contributions can be made in his honor to the American Lung Association.

KOBYLARZ, CECILIA, 81 of Wayne passed away June 22. Dear wife of the late John Kobylarz. Loving mother of John J. (Marianne) Kobylarz, Henry (Brigid) Kobylarz. Dear sister of Joseph Lojewski. Beloved grandmother of six and great-grandmother of two. Funeral services were held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Wayne with Father Jack Baker officiating. Interment followed at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Cemetery, Brownstown Twp., MI. Funeral arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE, JAMES L., 29 of Detroit (born in New York, NY to Willie and Dorothy Taylor), passed away June 16. He rededicated himself to God through the Christian Guidance Center in Detroit. He leaves to mourn his passing his son, Alvin; mother, Dorothy; father, Willie; sisters, Pamela and Angela; brothers, Derrick, Demetrius, and Victor; family and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Pastor Teresa Moten officiating. Cremation rites have been accorded.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE CITY OF INKSTER'S ZONING AND HOUSING APPEALS BOARD ON THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2001 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE BOOKER T. DOZIER RECREATION COMPLEX, 2025 MIDDLEBELT ROAD TO CONSIDER A VARIANCE TO SECTION 155.048 OF THE CITY OF INKSTER ZONING CODE, WHICH REQUIRES A LOT IN A R-113 DISTRICT TO BE AT MINIMUM 60 FEET IN WIDTH. THE APPLICANT, BILLY BAKER, IS PROPOSING TO CONSTRUCT A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING ON A 581/2 FOOT LOT. THE PROPERTY SUBJECT TO APPEAL, IS LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SOMERSET, WEST OF HARRISON AVENUE AND IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE INVITED. PERSONS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARING MAY SEND THEIR COMMENTS IN WRITING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CITY OF INKSTER PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, 2121 INKSTER ROAD, INKSTER, MICHIGAN, 48141. COMMENTS WILL BE RECEIVED THROUGH 12:00 NOON, JULY 19, 2001. PLEASE REFERENCE CASE #BZA01-03 IN ALL CORRESPONDENCE.

THE CITY OF INKSTER WILL PROVIDE NECESSARY REASONABLE AUXILIARY AIDS AND SERVICES, SUCH AS SIGNERS FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED AND AUDIO TAPES OF PRINTED MATERIALS BEING CONSIDERED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING, TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES UPON FIVE (5) BUSINESS DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE. INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES REQUIRING AUXILIARY AIDS OR SERVICES SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY OF INKSTER AT (313)563-3211.

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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF INKSTER

Mayor's golf outing, luau dates are set

By THEOLA JONES
MCN Staff Writer

Golfers from all points are making plans to attend and participate in Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton's popular annual Golf Outing.

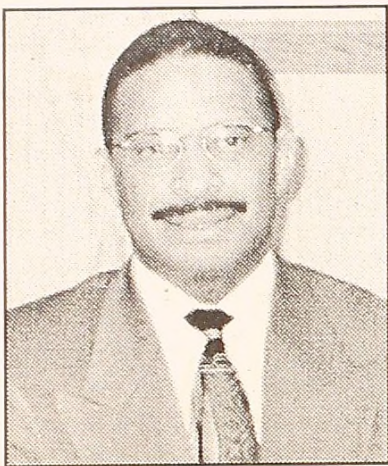
The outing will be staged Saturday, July 14, at the Inkster Valley Golf Course, on Middlebelt Road, about a quarter-mile north of Michigan Avenue.

Registration will begin at 7 a.m., followed by a "shotgun start" at 8 a.m. Tickets are priced at \$125 person. The price will include a lunch, dinner and a golf cart.

For non-golfers who wish to attend the program, the ticket price is \$35, which will include the dinner.

This year's highlights include a Four-Person Best Ball Contest, and other golf contest. Fabulous prizes will be offered for those who compete (and win) in the Hole-In-One Contest: Cash money, Bahamas cruise, gift certificates to purchase items from the Pro Shop and a set of golf clubs among the items a golfer could win.

To make reservations, contact Mayor Hilliard Hampton, Jr., at



Mayor Hilliard Hampton, Jr.

313-561-3067; Dr. Terrel LeCesne at 734-722-3426 or Councilman Marcus Hendricks at 734-722-8321.

Rudy Hendrix is the program coordinator. He can be reached at 313-963-8856.

The Khamalaw White Memorial Scholarship Fund and other lo-

cal charities will benefit from the outing.

Tee times are limited, so participants are urged to submit requests for reservations early.

An added attraction this year for the non-golfers is the mayor's Summer Luau. The activity will

begin at 5 p.m. at the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex, located on Middlebelt Road, directly across the Inkster Valley Golf Course. The complex is at 2025 Middlebelt.

You can take an imaginary trip to the beautiful island of Hawaii,

feast upon delectable Hawaiian foods, and enjoy the music of the famous Female Jazz Group, "Straight Ahead."

The swimming pool also will be opened for those who wish to enjoy a swim. Guests will also receive prizes and gifts.

The Mayor Hilliard Hampton, Jr., Summer Luau tickets are \$30 per person. They may be reserved by calling program committee members: Theola Jones at 313-561-3918; Rochelle Wells, 734-721-7008; and Marcella Hampton, 313-561-3067.

Starfish Family Services seeks donations for camp

Summer is officially here and the children are invited to enroll in the "Grow and Learn" Summer Camp at the Starfish Family Services.

The eight-week camp is free to low-income families in Inkster, and gives kids ages 6-12 a place to go during the day while their parents are busy.

Camp activities include learning about other cultures, visiting science museums, growing a garden, and arts and crafts.

Though there is no cost for participation, Starfish has to raise the money to pay for the camp. The organization is receiving help from *The Skillman Foundation* and *The Detroit Free Press*, which have offered to match donations to Starfish for the summer camp dollar for dollar.

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Money donated through *The Detroit Free Press* will go directly to the summer camp, which is conducted from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and began last week and runs to Aug. 17.

Camp activities include cultural and academic enrichment, nutritional education, alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention education, weekly field trips and recreation.

"It's a very popular camp. There is always a waiting list," Nicholson added. "The more money we raise, the more children can attend."

Donations for the *Grow and Learn Summer Camp* should be made payable to *Children First*, and mailed to P.O. Box 64702, Detroit, MI 48264. Note that your donation is for Starfish Family Services and your contribution will be doubled.

For more information, contact Starfish at 734-727-3139.

Inkster to host 'Cruiser Classic'

The City of Inkster, under the auspices of the Parks and Recreation Department, will stage its first "Inkster Cruisers Classic".

"We hope to have seven divisions of antique vehicles here at the parks and recreation com-

plex," said George Thompson, Jr., program director. "Nearby communities hold these car shows and they are very successful, so we decided it's time we held one, too. And I am willing to say that ours will equal, if not top, those in surrounding communities."

The Cruisers' Classic will be staged from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m., July 15, at the Parks and Recreation Complex's parking lot, 2025

Middlebelt Road, a quarter-mile north of Michigan Ave.

Thompson said trophies will be awarded to vehicle owners whose cars are ranked among the top four entries in each of the seven divisions.

"We're urging residents to attend and to support this program. They'll see some of the best antique cars in town," Thompson stressed. "It's really a family affair

Congratulations

An Inkster resident was recently awarded a degree from Illinois Central College in East Peoria.

The college graduate, Prasanthi Peruri, was among the

872 students who completed their requirements this spring for their college degrees.

Peruri was awarded a Bachelor of Arts & Science degree.

Call Michigan Community Newspapers at 729-4000 for information on how to subscribe to your local newspaper.

CITY OF INKSTER INVITATION FOR BIDS

THE CITY OF INKSTER will receive bids at the OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster, Michigan 48141 until 10:15 A.M. Monday, July 16, 2001 at which time and place bids will be opened and read for the following:

MUNICIPAL TREE TRIMMING

Specifications may be picked up after 3:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 5, 2001 from the Purchasing Department 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster, Michigan 48141. Questions regarding the specifications should be directed to Mr. Muzaffar Lakhani, D.P.S. Director at (313) 563-9773, Monday through Friday 7:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

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Kimberly Turner
Inkster City Clerk
2121 Inkster Road
Inkster, Michigan 48141

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

JULY BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Tuesday, July 17, 2001 at 4:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting will be to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact.

Property assessments can only be changed for:

1. Homestead exemption status.
2. Poverty exemptions.

Any property owner who believes they qualify under items 1 or 2 should call Van Buren Township Assessing Department at 734-699-8946 prior to July 17.

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Joannie Payne, CMC
Van Buren Charter Township

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CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE FOR THE CITY OF INKSTER'S NEW ZONING CODE

The City of Inkster's Planning Commission will be reviewing a proposed new zoning code for the City of Inkster. The Planning Commission invites interested parties to participate and express their views at a public meeting scheduled for Monday, July 23, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. at the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex, 2025 Middlebelt Road, Inkster, Michigan.

The proposed new zoning code will be available for review at the following locations from July 9, 2001 through July 23, 2001:

City of Inkster
City Clerk's Office
2121 Inkster Road
Inkster, MI 48141

City of Inkster
Leanna Hicks Library,
Circulation Desk
2005 Inkster Road
Inkster, MI 48141

City of Inkster
Booker T. Dozier
Recreation Complex
2025 Middlebelt Road
Inkster, MI 48141

Monday-Friday
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Monday-Thursday
1:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Friday 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Public comments are invited. Persons unable to attend the public meeting may send their comments in writing to the attention of the City of Inkster Community Development Department, 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster, Michigan 48141. Comments will be received through 12:00 noon, July 23, 2001.

The City of Inkster will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the public hearing, to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) business days written notice. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Inkster at (313)563-3211.

Richard Wooten, Director
Planning and Economic Development

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD JUNE 12, 2001 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48714

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Randolph Gear, Mayor Pro Tem

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Michael A. Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth
Absent: None
Excused: Donald Morris

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
William Oakley, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, Clerk
Patricia Kersey, Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to accept the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

01-170

2A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held June 4, 2001.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

01-171

3A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Romak to authorize the transfer of all stock interest in 2001 SDM licensed business located at 37575 W. Huron River Drive, Romulus, Michigan wherein stockholders Rifaat Ouro AKA Rifaat Yacoub Ouro and Waad Ouro each transfer 15,000 shares of stock to new stockholder Amir Ouro.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

01-172

5A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to approve the submitted revisions to the AFSCME Union Contract to be in effect retroactive from July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

01-173

5B. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to introduce an amendment to Chapter 37, Section 37-4 and 37-5, the Romulus Code of Ordinances, by adopting the new Sewer Use Ordinance for the purpose of regulating and to control the quantity and quality of stormwater and wastewater discharged into the Downriver Sewerage Collection, and to provide penalties for violation thereof.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

01-174

6A1. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Crova to schedule a meeting with Michael Prochaska, Deputy Director of Business Development Division of Wayne County on Tuesday, June 26, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 for the purpose of discussing properties located in the City of Romulus that are under condemnation for the Pinnacle Aeropark Project.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

01-175

6A2. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to schedule a meeting with officials of the Sun Pipe Line Company on Monday, July 9, 2001 at 6:30 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 for the purpose of hearing comments on the proposed Sun Pipe Line injection well to be located near the intersection of Ecorse and Inkster Roads.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

01-176

9. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Prybyla to direct the Clerk's office to obtain new voting precincts maps with the cost not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

01-177

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Romak to authorize the payment of Warrant 01 - 11 in the grand total amount of One Million, Six Hundred and Eighteen Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eighty Seven Dollars and Forty Cents (\$1,618,887.40).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Abstain - Crova. Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held June 12, 2001.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Writer has near-perfect marriage after 50 years

Blame it on Tom. Tom Mooradian, that is. You see Tom made me realize the significance of a 50-year anniversary and laid down a heavy guilt trip (on me) for not writing about it.

Little did he know that I had written three typewritten pages for my parent's scrapbook. A book, it is, that brings back thousands of memories of what is now over 50 year's of marriage.

And Tom is right — it is an incredible accomplishment. Marriage counselors, who make a living trying to work out people's problems, readily proclaim over 50% of marriages don't work. Many don't work for 10 years, and an alarming number are ending before one year.

So how can my parents, Joann and Dick, as well as many other couples, manage to stay together for over 50 years? As a person who has survived divorce and runs in a circle of friends that beats that 50% rate two-fold, I can honestly say after being a part of their lives it simply boils down to how bad do you want it.

Better said, being successful at marriage takes a mountain of work and a litany of understanding. If you can't compromise then you're better off living single.

My parents now live in Florida where they golf every day, and entertain most nights. They attend church services twice a week and offer us all a great example for the new millenni-

um. They don't meddle in their childrens' lives and they're far removed from preaching right over wrong.

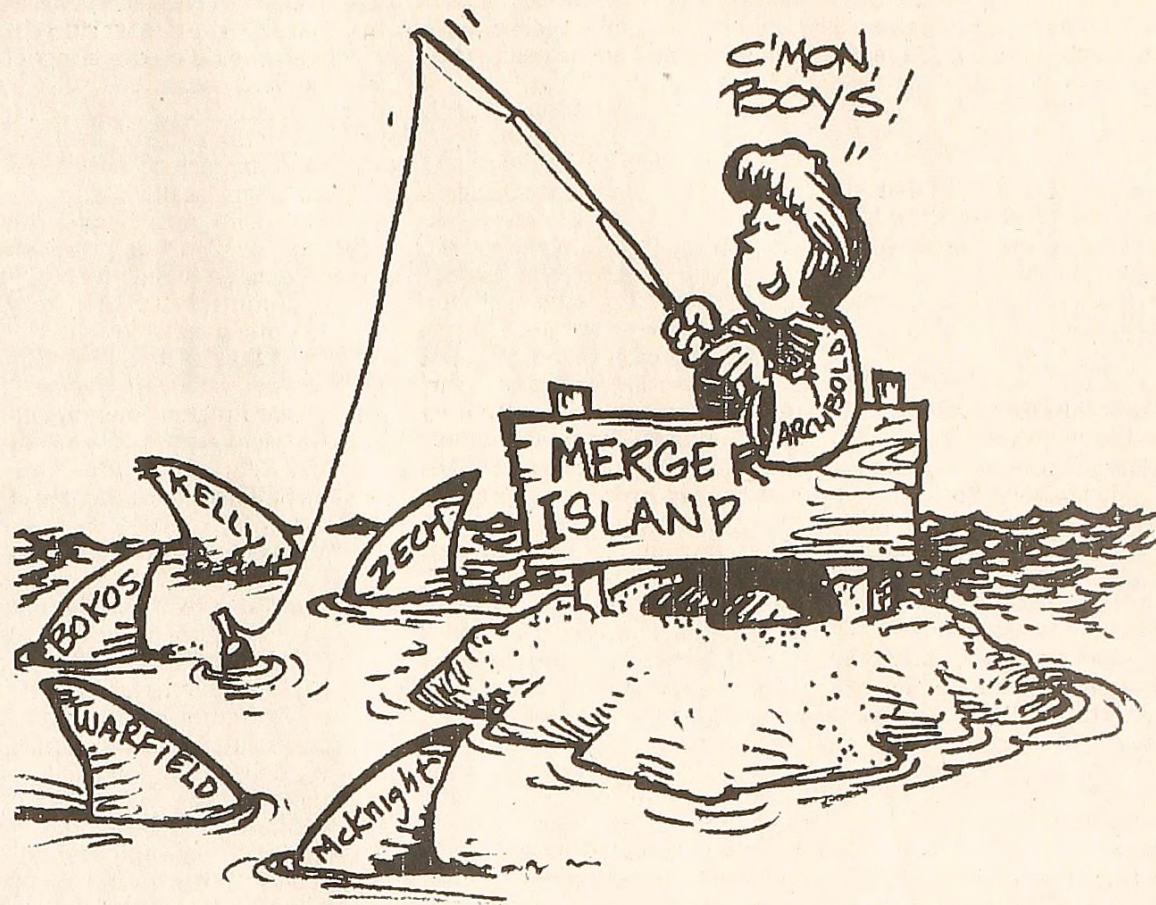
They have raised not one, or two, but five children that have found success in this world. Three are in management, one is a teacher and the fifth is a master electrician. I, one of the managers, honed my skills while working alongside my dad and mom, who both spent many hours publishing weekly newspapers.

In celebration of their anniversary, Dick and Joann invited their children to join them on a cruise to the eastern Carribean. It was a remarkable affair — not from the standpoint that the cruise was out of this world — but because bonding with our brothers, sisters, mom and dad for a week made it all realize the importance of family.

Although I've said it many times, Tom says I need to say it again. Thank you mom and dad. Your shining examples and fifty years of marriage, have inspired us all. I hope 60-years will bring another scolding from Mooradian, and my second column about an everlasting union.



Mike's musings
Mike Wilcox



Land of the hardcore computer worms

Uninvited, a hundred naked floozies appeared. Beautiful women in a porn-star way. Bumping and grinding and doing nasty things. Multiplying by the thousands.

My first thought: How could I get rid of them?

Am I ready for the glue factory, you ask? Too old and useless to appreciate T&A?

The problem was that the women appeared on my computer screen courtesy of the Homepage Worm, a computer virus delivered by E-mail to users of Microsoft Outlook Express.

The message said: "Hi! 'You've got to see this page! It's really cool, O' Attachment: Homepage.HTML.vbs."

When the user opens the Homepage attachment, it sends a copy of itself to everyone in your address book.

Homepage then randomly chooses an adult Web page to display on the system's default Internet browser.

In my case, it chose well for an old man who only gets verbal porn from strippers and lonely wannabe strippers on the Howard Stern morning radio show.

Luckily, I rarely use Microsoft products, so I caught the virus with Pocos, a shareware E-mail program that isn't too vulnerable to Net-borne viruses and that can be configured to destroy viruses. So I could zap the Homepage Worm before it sent pornography from me to my teenage daughters.

Lucky me. Otherwise, if they received the pornography before I could explain what happened, they would have thought that I was a pervert.

But others weren't so lucky. Rep. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, the Microsoft Outlook Express user who received the virus and who unknowingly passed it on to me, his children, and many others, wasn't lucky.

Fortunately, he contacted everybody in his Microsoft Out-



Vantastic
Ivan Helfman

look Express address book and explained what happened.

Ticked off at the time, Anderson considered introducing legislation mandating punishments for hackers who create and spread computer viruses. But last I heard, he had taken no action.

Because, as a conservative who thinks that there should be less laws rather than more, I'm glad that this risqué worm won't put people in jail.

To me, turning a prank into a crime is worse than spreading hardcore pornography on the Internet — especially since pornography is a staple of E-commerce, as is porn-filtering software. While even NBC can't make money on the 'Net, dot-com smut pedlars are making millions. The 'Net and porn are like Ford Road and traffic.

It's an everyday thing for desperate people, but not for criminals. With close to 2 million inmates, America doesn't need any more nonviolent ones.

So, I think, Anderson was right to have second thoughts about creating another crime.

Anderson's wise decision preceded a federal appeal court's decision to throw out a lower court's order to disband Microsoft, the 2,000-pound guerilla of software companies. The higher court threw out the lower court's ruling because the lower court judge appeared biased.

I agree.

As a foe of too many regulations as well as too many laws, I'd hate to see the biggest software company destroyed because of a biased judge or people jealous of Microsoft's success.

As stated above, I avoid using Microsoft products where possible. I don't like the company. Not only is Microsoft Outlook Express too vulnerable to viruses, but I refuse to use a word processor with a talking paper clip or an operating system that crashes 10 times a week.

But my opinions belong in a column or at the MCN water cooler, not in a law book.

Love it or hate it, Microsoft did not create a monopoly. If there is a monopoly, it was created by software users.

There is no law that says you have to use Microsoft products.

For example, this column is being written on Kword, a free word processor, on a computer using the free Mandrake-Linux operating system.

If more people would use Kword or Linux or Apple, Microsoft would be cut down to size.

But because Linux doesn't provide software buyers what they want and need — easy software and hardware compatibility — Microsoft rules the desktop and software users are happy. So are people like me who don't like Microsoft.

If choice could once again rule the marketplace instead of the US Department of Justice, we could do with a million or so less sharks with degrees in law or government administration.

Likewise, if adults were once again treated as grown-ups capable of self-control and not subject to the recent flood of laws and regulations, many of the new prisons sprouting up all over Michigan under the "Engler Prosperity" could be turned into lofts, factories, or airplane hangars.

Once upon a time, America was the land of the free and the home of the brave.

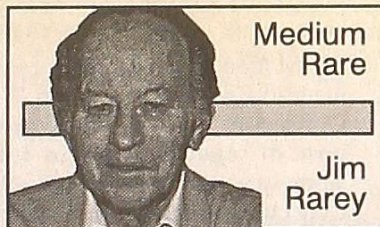
Thanks to the spate of morality laws, either quality — or even a computer worm — could land you in jail.

Communities achin' acres

Not since Erskine Caldwell's salacious novel "God's Little Acre" stirred public controversy has acreage caused such a public outcry as two developments in the communities of Oxford Township, Huron Township and Romulus.

The 1,400 acre (and growing) Waterstone development in Oxford is a prime example of a developer running roughshod over an inept local government to the outrage of area residents. In Romulus and Huron Township a 1,800-acre Pinnacle project of Wayne County is expropriating private property of long-time residents while local government officials negotiate behind closed doors to become partners in the outrage.

According to an in-depth article in last Sunday's Detroit News, the Oxford Township officials have looked on as a golf course, Meijer's store and some 100 residences have been built without official approval of any site plan. Zoning requirements have been ignored and the city even "forgot" to get a required \$500,000 deposit from the developer.



Medium Rare
Jim Rarey

While the development would add significantly to the property tax revenues of the township, residents fear increased traffic problems and a strain on local schools from increased residential housing.

In Romulus and Huron Township, the situation is much different. The Pinnacle project is being undertaken as a "smart zone" authorized by recent state legislation. An authority comprising representatives from Wayne County and the two communities (undoubtedly dominated by the county) would control the increased property taxes generated by the project. Residential property is being condemned and acquired by the county at less than one third of its true market value.

The properties (along with other outright purchases at residen-

tial values) will then be resold or leased to private developers or companies at a profit of over \$100 million to the project.

The project is being promoted as a mecca for high-tech research and development companies and university related activities. However, it would include some warehousing operations that would increase the already congested truck traffic in the area adjacent to the Detroit Metro Airport.

Prospects for residents to protect private property will be further eroded if current legislation in Lansing is enacted. Bills are in the hopper that would allow local governments to condemn private property not being used as government officials wish, and a scheme to allow the selling of "development rights" bypassing local zoning requirements.

In recent years government at all levels has dramatically increased its control over the use and ownership of private property. Isn't it time for the pendulum to swing back in favor of individual owners?

SOUND OFF EXTRA

Why doesn't Westland sell residents' recycled bottles?

We in Westland pay to have our leaves picked up, trucked to the incinerator plant for mass collection, and then transferred to a facility in Romeo, of all places, for composting. Yet we recoup no money for the value of the compost.

Are the recyclable bottles and cans handled in a similar fashion?

Does Westland get any money for those things turned in at either the drop-off location or picked up curbside?

Cement walls around abandoned buildings aren't going to cut it

I agree with some of the comments made by Ben E. Jet about those brick walls with fancy railings and shrubs popping up on area corners. To me it is a big waste of money.

Look at Livonia on Plymouth Road. They wrap these cement structures around Wonderland Mall, leaving up the old Wards sign when everyone knows Wards is long gone.

Kitty-corner is another vacant building, a former bank. And down on Plymouth and Farmington — hello — the ugly George Burns Theatre turned car lot.

All of this money to replace traffic lights that served their purpose just fine for years and replace existing street lights with quaint lampposts with banners in hopes of creating an image of — I don't know what.

But they are not fooling anyone. This attempt to keep up a

downtown area is a good idea, and reducing blight is very important, but give me a break, lampposts and cement walls around abandoned buildings and ugly gas stations are not going to cut it.

Misleading not to verify existence of mayor's review committee

The gentleman who read from a Sound-Off in the May 27 Eyewitness questioned Westland's "Mayor Review Committee." I believe it was Ivan Helfman that used that term in his May 10, 2001 column regarding development, growth and the Golden Corral project.

According to that editorial, Mayor Thomas has an "informal mayor's review commit-

tee." The author should, rather than asking the public for information on that committee, provide verification if such a committee actually exists. Otherwise, it is a misleading statement.

Anonymous endorses Richard LeBlanc for Westland mayor

It is early in the campaign, and even though you may choose to not print this endorsement because I'm not giving my name, I prefer that my name not be shown at this time out of retaliation.

It is my opinion that the best person to serve as Westland's Mayor is Richard LeBlanc. I think it is the little things that show a person's true character and I have watched him and listened to him for years.



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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

UM should heed its global warming data

To the editor:
The University of Michigan should heed its global warming research.

Seventy-two percent of the public thinks that it is important to act now to counteract global warming. 350 other local governments agree. They have joined Cities for Climate Protection and are meeting this week in Ann Arbor. Unfortunately, the University of Michigan is sadly declining to do its part.

A group of 125 alumni — many of whom are environmental professionals — recently asked the University of Michigan Administration to take responsibility for its own pollution and pledge to reduce campus greenhouse gas emissions to 7 percent below 1990 levels over the next decade.

In other words, voluntarily put the Kyoto Treaty's principles into action. Although the Bush Administration has abandoned this international agreement to fight global warming, there is a compelling need to take strong steps now to reduce greenhouse gases.

However, the University Administration turned down this request by University of Michigan Alumni for Global Warming Action. In doing so, the Administration has effectively ignored the studies conducted by its own researchers.

The University of Michigan is a leader in global warming research. University professors and researchers literally wrote the book "Preparing for a Changing

Climate" on the consequences of global warming on the Great Lakes region. Their findings: the Great Lakes region can expect substantial changes in lake levels, plant and animal diversity, and human health unless global warming is constrained. This is the most critical long-term environmental and public health challenge for our generation.

Unfortunately, when it comes to responsible precautionary actions, the Michigan researchers can't seem to convince the University Administration to move outside the ivory tower and rise to their own motto of "the leaders and the best." The Administration claims that the growth the University has experienced over the last decade - and is expected to chart in the future - makes cutting its carbon dioxide emissions to the requested level impractical. Yet that has not proved to be such a barrier in the corporate arena, where growth is gospel. In fact, several large U.S. companies, including IBM, BP, DuPont, Johnson & Johnson and Polaroid, have vowed to reduce their global warming emissions below current levels, far surpassing the University of Michigan.

Other major universities have already instituted plans to do their share to stem global warming. Cornell and Tufts Universities, as well as 56 colleges in New Jersey have all pledged to enforce stringent cuts in carbon dioxide emissions, widening the gap between the University of Michigan

and its peers.

The University has compiled a fine tradition of environmental leadership, and that legacy needs to grow every bit as much as the size of the campus. The 125 alumni are making a respectful civic and leadership request to our alma mater: the University of Michigan should create a model for other large public universities, demonstrating that the Administration listens to its own researchers and acts to tackle this global problem locally.

How to do it? Specific opportunities abound. The Administration has yet to harness the full energy-saving potential in its existing campus buildings by bringing them up to the standards for energy efficiency set by the national Energy Star Program, thereby cutting electricity use by 25 percent or more. Nearly half of the University's buildings don't even meet the Energy Star efficiency standard. Any new building must have high energy efficiency standards written into the design guidelines. This is feasible, doable and reasonable.

Vehicle use is also a major source of pollution, and the University is in the process of purchasing new campus buses. It must choose between buying standard, old-fashioned diesel models or modern, clean hybrid electric/diesel buses that are twice as energy efficient. The modern buses would reduce carbon dioxide pollution by the equivalent of driving around the world 30 times.

Another smart choice is to provide subsidies for people commuting by foot or bus, rather than driving cars. The University could also provide free city-bus passes to students and staff.

Finally, the University recently reaped a \$1 million savings when it switched its electricity supplier. It can leverage this windfall into an even bigger reduction in both carbon dioxide emissions and costs by investing the money in more energy-efficient technologies on campus.

The University of Michigan has a long-standing commitment to environmental education. The School of Natural Resources and the Environment has long been teaching students "to contribute to the protection of the earth's resources and the achievement of a sustainable society." Its joint program with the Business School instructs students to consider both environmental and economic choices. Now it's time to get out of the lecture hall. Global warming is the most significant threat to the world's environment. Increasingly, the public knows this. The University's faculty, staff, student body and alumni recognize this. Other universities recognize this, too, and they are taking action now. There are leaders, and there are followers. It's time for the University of Michigan to lead. Now that's a lesson worth learning.

Sincerely,
Howard A. Learner
Michigan Alumni for Global Warming Action

Ask David Cox to defend deep well statements

To the editor:
Re: June 28, 2001 Romulus Roman article titled "Bonior Asks Whitman To Hold Well Hearing."

Despite the statements by David Cox there are, in fact, a number of companies currently operating in Romulus which handle materials in large quantities that are far more dangerous to the Community and to the Environment than any materials EDS will handle at its Citrin Drive Facility.

Confirmation of EDS' permitted waste water streams can be obtained from:
Steve Sliver @ MDEQ 517-373-1976
Harlan Garrish @ USEPA 312-886-2939

I recommend that you research the types of materials handled by the following Romulus companies:

Michigan Recovery Hazardous Waste Disposal Facility
High-Po-Chlor Bulk Chlorine Distribution Facility
Chem Central Bulk Chemical Distribution Facility
Safety-Kleen Hazardous Waste Facility
Sun Pipeline Bulk Propane Storage Facility

Detailed information on the types of materials handled by these companies, along with the various evacuation plans currently on file with Romulus, can be obtained from Margaret Leduc, Emergency Coordinator for the City of Romulus @ 734-941-8585.

Upon completion of your research, I respectfully recommend that you ask Mr. Cox to defend his statement that "There has not been a need for these things [moon suits, self-contained breathing apparatus and response vehicles] until now."

Doug Wicklund
Environmental Disposal
Systems

Cheers for Westland police, firefighters

To the editor:
I would like to commend the Westland Police Department and the Westland Fire Department for the professional way that the standoff situation on June 11 was handled.

Sometimes as citizens we are

quick to criticize these departments and their respective chiefs when a negative incident occurs. However, I think that it is just as important to let these police officers and firefighters know when a job was well done.

I don't think any one can downplay the job that was done that day.

Officers Hochstein and Kummert, Sgt. Kennedy, Police Chief Price and Fire Chief Reddy all deserve well deserved recognition for a job well done.

Bill Wild, Westland

Abort funding

To the editor:
H.B. 4655 is necessary to protect the conscience rights of pro-life citizens in Michigan.

In 1999-2000 fiscal year, Planned Parenthood, the nation's #1 abortion provider, received upwards of \$3 million of our taxpayers dollars in the state of Michigan. Our tax dollars are being used to support an organization that considers abortion to be family planning and promotes and performs partial birth abortions, ripping the arms and legs off of the unborn, while still alive.

Pro-life citizens are being forced to subsidize a procedure we find abhorrent!

If pro-choice citizens are truly pro-choice, they should support pro-life citizens in our desire to choose where our tax dollars are spent.

Family planning services can be provided just as adequately by organizations that do not consider abortion to be family planning.

Urge your representative in Lansing to vote for H.B. 4655. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Debra (Lori) Anderson, Wayne

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Transition Game: Wayne to leave Mega for Western Lakes

Hawley: 'Western Lakes' expansion afforded us an opportunity to join with John Glenn'

Wayne Memorial athletes will be playing their final year in the Mega Conference. The school is scheduled to join the Western Lakes Conference at the beginning of the 2002-2003 school year.

Wayne Memorial's Athletic Director Bill Hawley said that the transition is going along smoothly, and he doesn't anticipate any problems during the transition period.

"I've been attending meetings and, so far, we have not had any problems or obstacles placed in our way," said Hawley, in a tele-

phone interview on Tuesday. "We have enjoyed the Mega Conference, a conference that we have been affiliated with since Day 1. Our athletes and teams have a lot of pleasant memories in this conference."

"But, we feel it is time to move because there are more opportunities for the overall athletic and scholastic programs," Hawley added. "The Western Lakes is expanding, and it afforded us an opportunity to join the conference and become affiliated in a league with John Glenn, something we

have always wanted here."

The expansion will also include two other schools.

Western Lakes officials have invited the third Walled Lake high school and the presently under-construction Plymouth High School to join the conference in the year 2002.

Hawley said that he would like to see Wayne sweep all of the Mega Conference titles in its final year.

"I'm just kidding," Hawley smiled. "But it would be nice to win a few before we leave."

The four-tier Mega Conference -

Mega Red, White, Blue and Gold - consists of 28 high schools which are divided into the four divisions. Teams may move from one tier to another if they request and have the ability to compete in the division.

But some schools do not have a rounded athletic program and do not field teams in such key sports as girls' soccer or gymnastics or track and cross country. It creates a major scheduling problems, for some schools.

Most of the top teams are assigned to the Red Division. And

that's the division most coaches hope to some day compete in.

In the meantime, over in the two-division Western Lakes, there will be at least one 'familiar face' ready to greet the newcomers. Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial's natural rival in just about everything, is a charter member of the conference. The Rockets compete in the Lakes Division of the conference.

Since it was been a practice by Western Lakes officials to separate two rivals schools and place them in separate divisions, for example,

Plymouth-Canton is a member of the Western Division, while rival, Plymouth-Salem, is in the Lakes; and Walled Lake Central is in the Lakes, while Walled Lake Western, in the Western Division, it is unlikely that Glenn and Wayne will wind up in the same division of the conference.

Wayne Memorial probably will be assigned to the Western Division.

"It's all right with us," Hawley smiled. "We're eager to make the move."

All-Stars to play benefit hoop game

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

There will really be no losers when two teams made up of some of the finest women's basketball players in the nation play on Sunday, July 8, at the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex in Inkster.

The Michigan AAU Women's All-Stars will clash with the Michigan Free Agents, a team made up of former college All-Stars and former pros. The game is sponsored by the Legends of Inkster, an organization made up of former college All-Americans and NBA pros.

Proceeds from the game will be donated to the Legends who annually have put on a summer basketball camp for kids.

Tip-off Sunday between the All-Stars and the Michigan AAU is scheduled for 4 p.m. There is a \$1 donation suggested.

"We expect the gym to be jammed again as it was last year when these two teams met," said Fred Smiley, program director and an All-American ball player who starred for Northwood Institute in Midland.

Smiley pointed out that a year ago more than 250 children flocked to the recreation center to participate in the two-day camp. He said that he believes the figure will be topped this year.

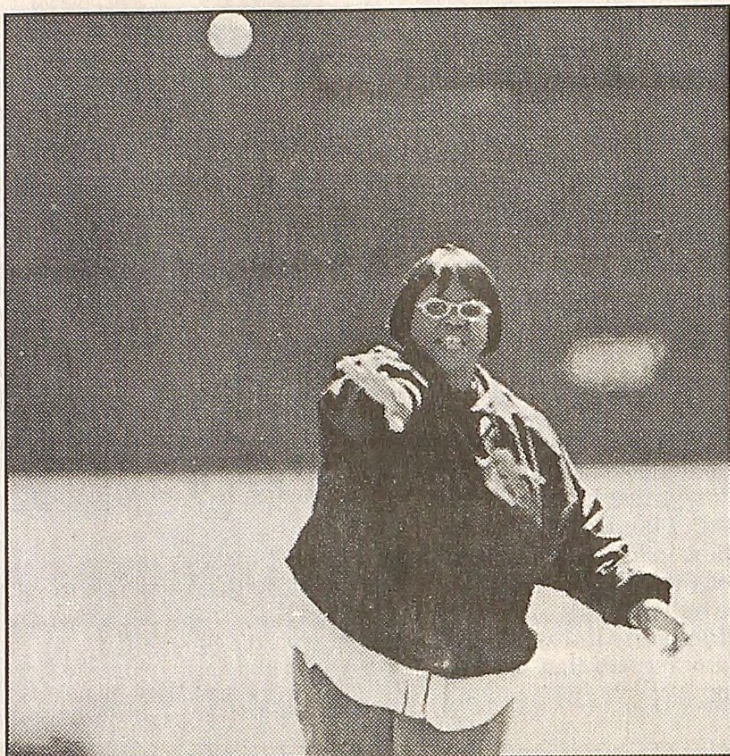
The camp, free of charge, will be staged Aug. 3-4.

If you feel lucky, Smiley suggests that you purchase a raffle ticket for \$1 which will give you a chance to win such prizes as a day of golfing at the Inkster Valley Golf Course for a foursome and lunch at 'The Turn' also located at the Middlebelt Road golf course.

There is a second prize of a cell phone, plus 500 free minutes of time; a third place prize of a one-night stay for two at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, plus breakfast, in Romulus, and finally, a fourth-prize of a case of T-bone steaks.

The drawing will take place at halftime of the game between the All-Stars.

The Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex is located at 2025



'Strike One'

Inkster's one and only Gloria Barber (above), a customer account executive with Comcast Cable TV, celebrates inside the Fox Theater after being announced as the winner to throw out the first pitch at the Tigers game on April 5 at Comerica Park. At right, Barber fires a "strike" to Billy McMillon of the Tigers, hopefully setting the stage for many more of its kind during the regular Tiger season. Comcast officials also noted that its Midwest Division has grown substantially with the acquisition of AT&T and Adeptia properties in Southeast Michigan. To welcome the new employees, Comcast hosted an event at Detroit's historic Fox Theater.

Deisler wins her first golf meet

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Wayne's Terry Deisler carded a 77 Saturday at Glenhurst Golf Course to surface as medalist in the Suburban Women's Golf League meet.

Deisler's 77 was three-strokes better than runnerup, Carolyn Benninger, of Westland who placed second in the Low Gross Flight.

In the First Flight, low net competition, it was Joann McVicar who set the pace. The Livonia golfer shot a 62 to beat Brighton's Becky Anderson and Jan Antieau, who were two strokes back for second place.

In the Second Flight, Low Gross duel, Dearborn's Mary Gene

Sefang had a comfortable seven-stroke cushion of victory over a pair of challengers, Northville's Dolly Vettese and Wayne's season golfer, Pat Henke, who walked in to the clubhouse with 94s.

Clinton Township's Carol McQuade claimed Low Net accolades, beating Canton Township's Rae Wenslaffe who finished six-strokes back.

Finally, in the Third Flight, Lori Wilson, wound up atop of the Low Gross golfers. She had a 90, and a nine-stroke victory of second-place finisher, Dearborn Heights' Pat Wilson.

Canton's Jan Nelson 67 gave her the flight's top honors in the Low Net category. Pat Ochs and Jinny Valentine shared second-place honors.

Westland wins Louisville title, is World Series-bound

Coasting past several nationally-recognized powerhouses, Westland's LDJ/Varsity/Easton captured the ISA's Class A National Invitational Softball Championship in Louisville, Kentucky, to qualify for the World Series of Softball.

"We looked good, in mid-season form, at this tournament," said Larry Quartuccio, LDJ/Varsity/Easton's manager. "We earned a spot to play in the ISA Class A World Series which will be held in Auburn in late August."

The Westland-based ball club posted victories over Southern Sports of Louisville, Snap On, representing Peoria, Illinois, and Phonemaster, of St. Louis, Missouri to emerge as the champ in Kentucky.

In the opening round, Westland unleashed five home runs to "mercy" Southern Sports, 29-6, in a game called after four because of the 10-run rule.

Pat Wayne and Scott Hille each hammered a pair of homers and drove in five runs for the winners. Randy Windham laced four singles and Todd Wallace chipped in a pair of singles, a double, homer

and four RBIs.

Raffi Kostegian was the winning pitcher.

In an abbreviated three-inning game, LDJ/Varsity/Easton humbled Snap On, 39-5, as Pat Wayne was the winning pitcher. He received ample support at the plate from Jason Riggs, who collected five hits, including two homers.

Westland's Kyle Cowart missed hitting for the cycle when he failed to put a homer with his two singles, double and triple. Cowart's four hits produced five runs batted in.

Sam Gatto accounted for five RBIs, thanks to a roundtripper, double and two singles, and Chris Scheffer singled and homered and had three RBIs.

However, a 11-run bottom of the third surge by Phonemaster jolted Westland and opened the gates to a cliffhanger that went to the St. Louis, Missouri ball club, 26-25.

Although Westland rallied for eight runs in their seventh that lifted them to a 25-24 lead, Phonemaster rang up a pair of decision runs in the last of the seventh to hand what proved to be LDJ/Varsity/Easton's lone loss at the tourna-

ment.

Gatto and Ron Lukasik each drilled a pair of over the fences home runs. Each also had three hits with Lukasik knocking in five runs and Gatto chasing home four. Teammates Scheffer and Hille also each homered. Hille finished with four hits, while Scheffer drove home four runs.

In the rematch with Phonemaster, Westland took the suspense out of the game early and left little doubt on anyone's mind which of the two was the better team. The Westlanders silenced the Phonemasters, 32-12, in a game called after four due to the mercy rule.

Cowart, Hille, Wayne and Trudell led the assault on Phonemasters' pitching. Trudell had three hits, including a homer, while Cowart, Hille and Wayne each bagged two homers with Hille and Wayne also collecting six RBIs apiece.

Quartuccio and the LDJ/Varsity/Easton ball club will be packing up their baseball gear this weekend and heading for Cincinnati where they will play in the USSSA Major Invitational.

Preps sports to get off to an early start

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Would you believe that the high school sports season will officially begin in five weeks?

Because of the expanded football playoff format and early school openings in some school districts, the Michigan High School Athletic Association announced this week that the first official day of practice for the 2001 football season is set for Aug. 6, less than a month away.

Coaches will be able to hold practice sessions in preparation of their first games. The season's openers may be played on Aug. 24, according to the MHSAA.

The first day that the MHSAA will permit coaches to conduct

golf practice is Aug. 9; and the first day that all other fall sports teams may practice is Aug. 13, which is the season's opener for prep golfers.

The MHSAA also has announced the high school classifications as follows: Schools with 1,008 and above student enrollment will be assigned to Class A; Class B, 488 to 1,007 inclusive; Class C, 243-487 inclusive; and Class D, 242 and below.

Wayne Memorial also has been designated as a host school for a soccer rules meeting. Soccer coaches who attend the meeting will receive an update on the new rules implemented by the MHSAA for the upcoming season.

Meetings usually begin at 7 p.m., unless noted otherwise.

The MHSAA, the august body that regulates high school athletics in the State of Michigan, is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by over 1,300 public and private high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition.

Also, no government funds or tax dollars support the MHSAA, which was the first such association nationally to not accept membership dues or tournament entry fees from schools.

Member schools which enforce the rules are permitted to participate in MHSAA tournaments, which attracts approximately 1.6 million spectators each year.

Battle continues to 'Save Our Friday Nights'

The battle continues to 'Save Our Friday Nights'.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association has intensified its campaign to preserve one of high school sports' strongest and longest-standing traditions - to reserve Friday nights for high school sports without competition from the colleges.

The tradition is being challenged by recent action of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. The NCAA has proposed to allow college football games to be played and televised on Friday nights, which, if approved by member schools, would erode high school sports.

"Save Our Friday Nights" is a campaign to emphasize the role that Friday night high school athletic events play in communities all across Michigan, and to rally MHSAA member schools to contact the NCAA member school football coaches, athletic directors and conference commissioners to voice their opposition.

"There is no tradition in sports more hallowed than entire communities gathering together on Friday nights in the fall to rally around their school teams," said John E. 'Jack' Roberts, executive director of the association of nearly 750 senior high schools and over 600 junior high/middle

schools.

"People generally associate Friday nights with the lights towering over football fields, but let's not forget that on those Friday nights there are also girls basketball games, boys soccer matches and even cross country meets.

"These events are important to communities," Roberts continued. "They are not just sporting events - they're social events where neighbors meet, relationships are fostered, and where schools communicate about many of the other activities of the school."

Roberts stressed that college football games on Friday nights

threaten the local tradition, not to mention the financial well-being of school athletic budgets.

Roberts added that while the so-called mid major collegiate conferences may be starting out as the primary participants in Friday night games, it wouldn't take long before everyone would be jumping into the fray.

"A Friday night football game played, for example, in Kalamazoo, will have impact on anywhere from 30 to 50 games within a 90-mile radius of the site. Now, if the television networks entice a couple of Big Ten schools - Michigan and Michigan State - to take what has become a sometimes re-

gionally televised game on Saturday and turn it into a nationally televised game on Friday night, the effects would be devastating."

Roberts urged citizens to voice their opposition to college games played Friday nights. He also urged fans to write and vent their frustration about the proposal to Michigan-based universities and conference which may participate in having college football games on Friday.

Here are the major colleges and their addresses: Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, 48859 - Herb Deromedi, Athletic Director; Mike DeBord, Head Football Coach; Eastern

Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Mich. 48197 - Dave Diles, Athletic Director; Jeff Woodruff, Head Football Coach; Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich. 48824 - Clarence Underwood, Athletic Director; Bobby Williams, Head Football Coach; University of Michigan, 1000 South State Street, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48109-2201 - William C. Martin, Athletic Director; Lloyd Carr, Head Football Coach; and Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Mich. 49008, Kathy Beauregard, Athletic Director; and Gary Darnell, Head Football Coach.

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